

16 October 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD


SUBJECT: H.R. 2989--Missing Persons Act Amendments

1. At the request of Lt. Colonel Jack Reiter, Air Force L & L, the undersigned accompanied Colonel Reiter and Mr. Allen Morrison, of Air Force JAG, to a meeting called by Mr. William Darden, Senate Armed Services Committee Staff. In essence it is Mr. Darden's judgment pending further advice from the Air Force people that the addition of the phrase "detained in foreign countries against their will" adds little to the existing terminology of the Act. He feels the phrase "interned in a foreign country" is sufficiently similar in substance as to make legislation on the point not worth the effort.

2. Mr. Morrison will check his international law people on cases construing the phrase "interned in a foreign country" and will advise the undersigned and Mr. Darden of the result.

3. It is also Mr. Darden's judgment that the Internal Revenue Act provision contained in the amendments should be reviewed by Senate Finance Committee rather than Senate Armed Services.

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